

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,604,049 (hereinafter "Yokota").

"To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." (Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) ¶ 2131.)

Independent claims 1, 8, 13, and 17 of the present application includes limitations not disclosed or taught by Yokota. As a result, claims 1, 8, 13, and 17 are not anticipated by Yokota.

In particular, applicant's independent claims include the limitation, or a limitation similar thereto, of a locator to provide a place stamp associated with the image, wherein the locator includes a global positioning system; and a processor to store the image and the place stamp in the memory, wherein the place stamp includes an indication of a latitude and longitude of the system or of the image.

There is nothing disclosed in Yokota that suggest a locator to provide a place stamp associated with the image, wherein the locator includes a global

positioning system; and a processor to store the image and the place stamp in the memory, wherein the place stamp includes an indication of a latitude and longitude of the system or of the image, as is claimed by applicant.

Therefore, Yokota fails to teach the limitations as claimed by applicant in the independent claims. As a result, applicant's independent claims are not anticipated by Yokota.

Furthermore, the remaining claims depend from one of the independent claims as discussed above. As a result, the dependent claims include the distinguishing claim limitation discussed above and are not anticipated by Yokota.

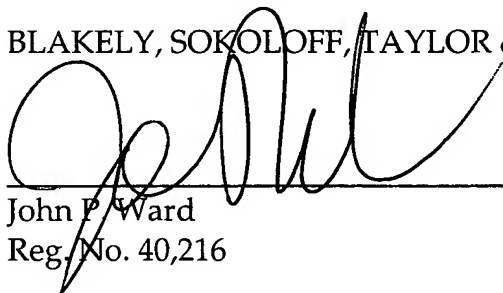
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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